

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000

PRESENT: Darryl R. Wold, Chairman, Presiding
 Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman
 Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner
 David M. Mason, Commissioner
 Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner
 Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
 James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
 Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel
 Mary W. Dove, Acting Secretary

Chairman Darryl R. Wold called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, February 3, 2000, with a quorum present.

It was agreed without objection to reorder the agenda and consider Item II first.

II. 1996 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE
ON ARRANGEMENTS - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF
REPAYMENT DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF
REASONS (LRA#472)

(continued from meeting of January 27, 2000)

Agenda Documents No. 00-04, No. 00-04-A,
and No. 00-04-B

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald,
who

MOVED to suspend the rules on
the timely submission of agenda
documents in order to consider
Agenda Documents No. 00-04-A and
No. 00-04-B.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with
Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom,
Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

II. 1996 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE
ON ARRANGEMENTS - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF
REPAYMENT DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF
REASONS (LRA#472)

(continued)

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Duane Pugh of the General Counsel's Office who reviewed the proposed Statement of Reasons of the subject document and responded to questions and comments. Mr. Joe Stoltz of the Audit Division participated in the discussion.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Thomas, who

MOVED to disregard the January 27, 2000 letter from the counsel for the 1996 Committee on Arrangements for the Republican National Convention during its consideration of the proposed Statement of Reasons for the 1996 Committee on Arrangements for the Republican National Convention and exclude it from the administrative record of this proceeding.

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The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

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II. 1996 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE
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REPAYMENT DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF
REASONS (LRA#472)

(continued)

The discussion resumed.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, and Thomas voting affirmatively. Commissioner Wold abstained.

It was agreed without objection, to hold this matter over to the next open meeting.

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The meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m. with a quorum present.

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I. 1996 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE,
INC. - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF REPAYMENT
DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS
(LRA#471)

(continued from meeting of January 27, 2000)

Agenda Documents No. 00-03 and No. 00-03-A

Chairman Wold noted that Commissioner Sandstrom had recused himself in this matter and was not present in the meeting at this time.

I. 1996 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE,
INC.- ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF REPAYMENT
DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS
(LRA#471)

(continued)

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald,
who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the
timely submission of agenda documents
in order to consider Agenda Document
No. 00-03-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with
Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Thomas, and Wold
voting affirmatively.

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Delbert Rigby of
the General Counsel's Office who presented the subject
report. Mr. Rick Halter and Ms. Wanda Thomas of the
Audit Division were also present to respond to questions
and comments.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Mason,
who

MOVED to direct the Office of
General Counsel to redraft the
proposed Statement of Reasons
to allow the telephone expenses
on the basis that the host
committee be allowed to pay for
use of office equipment under
11 C.F.R. §9008.52(c)(v).

I. 1996 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE,
INC.- ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF REPAYMENT
DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS
(LRA#471)

(continued)

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively. Commissioner Sandstrom recused himself; he was not present and did not vote.

It was noted the redraft would be ready for Commission consideration in two weeks.

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There was a recess at 3:30 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 3:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

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III. EXPRESS ADVOCACY RULE (11 CFR 100.22(b))

Agenda Documents No. 00-11
and No. 00-13

(Placed on the agenda at the
request of Commissioner Mason.)

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman
McDonald, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on
the timely submission of agenda
documents in order to consider
Agenda Document No. 00-13.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Mason
who explained his policy position regarding his proposed
motion to direct the Office of General Counsel to initiate
a rulemaking to repeal 11 CFR 100.22(b).

A discussion followed.

It was agreed without objection to continue
this matter at the next open meeting.

IV. 2000 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Agenda Document No. 00-12

It was agreed without objection to hold this matter over to the next open meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no routine administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Signed:

Darryl R. Wold
Chairman

Attest:

Mary W. Dove
Acting Secretary